

READING COMPREHENSION

Task 1: Read the text carefully. Complete the task on the next page.

We Put Animals First

Nicky Jarvis, 52, is the senior veterinary surgeon at Redwings Horse Sanctuary, a charity with five centres in the UK which cares for 1,500 rescued horses, ponies, donkeys and mules.

When I was a child, my family used to take canal-boat holidays and a note in my father's logbook is wonderfully telling of the life I was destined to lead: "Nicky spent the entire evening off the boat, looking at horses on the Fens."

As an adult, when I was offered a permanent job as a vet at Redwings back in 1966, I couldn't say yes fast enough. It was primarily because of the horses but also the human team. I'd done holiday cover there and realised it's a special place where everyone works towards the same goal with passion and energy. At Redwings, the horses don't have specific owners but because everyone cares so much, they have hundreds of owners in every member of staff.

Our welfare team rescues horses, mules and donkeys who have been neglected and abandoned. They arrive malnourished or with a condition that could have been prevented, and I can't turn away from that. There's no better feeling than when we bring back their sparkle.

I'm in charge of the clinical team caring for our 1,500 residents. We do vaccinations, dental work and sometimes perform surgery, but we also respond to emergencies and prepare horses for rehoming. I have a soft spot for Iggy, a mild-mannered eight-year-old horse with lovely whiskers who arrived with severe liver disease. Liver problems are common in rescued horses due to eating toxic plants or parasites, or they often have gastrointestinal problems as a result of neglect. We feared we'd lose him but thankfully, he got better. He makes me smile because he has come so far and is a perfect example of how transformed a horse can be when treated right.

It makes me proud to be 52 and still eager to learn. There are always new tests, new medicines, new ways to help the animals that are better than before. It costs around £10 million a year to look after all our equines and we encourage supporters to adopt or sponsor them. Recently, I was checking a horse who suffers from an irritable skin condition. As I ran my hands over his mane and belly, he made a funny little "whicker" sound. It's in these moments I am reminded why I work with horses. They are the reason I get up when it's dark, cold and raining. I must have looked after over 10,000 equines and I still find horses as intelligent and incredible as I did when I was a child. I will never tire of 3am wake-up calls, even if there's only a glimmer of hope we can save a horse's life so it can live out its days happy, healthy, and free in our fields.

READING COMPREHENSION – TASK

Task: Based on what you have read in the article, complete the statements below. You have to fill in one or two words (the number of missing words is indicated in brackets). The statements do not follow in the same order as the information appears in the article.

1. Liver issues of young horses are the result of their consuming _____
_____. (2 words)
2. At Redwings, Nicky is responsible for the _____
who attend to lots of animals. (2 words)
3. Nicky's father predicted her professional career in his _____. (1 word)
4. According to Nicky, the young horse is a/an _____
of how an animal can transform due to the proper care. (2 words)
5. Nicky and her colleagues carry out dental procedures, immunization, and occasionally
_____. (1 word)
6. Nicky has always considered horses to be _____ and _____
beings. (2 words)
7. Nicky is never too tired to react to an early _____
if there is a chance of rescuing an animal. (2 words)
8. Animals are brought to Redwings malnourished as their previous owners have
_____ or _____ them. (2 words)
9. At Redwings, Nicky was impressed by the animals and the _____
_____. (2 words)
10. The costs of medical treatment are high so Nicky and her colleagues are pleased when
their supporters _____ or _____ their animals. (2 words)

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V O C A B U L A R Y

Task 1: Complete each sentence with a word from the box. Be careful, there are more words in the box than you will need.

reign	survey	barred	restricted	action
poll	power	forbidden	rule	

1. According to the latest opinion _____, the National Party are well ahead of their nearest rivals, the Conservative Party.
2. The king enjoyed a long _____, and was eventually succeeded by his son, William.
3. Students have been _____ from using local pubs since the incident.

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Task 2: Fill each blank space in the article below with the correct form of the word in capital letters.

A Monk and Two Peas by Robin Marantz Henig

The work of an Augustinian monk from Brno laid the **(4)** _____
for the science of **(5)** _____. Gregor Mendel was born in what
is now the Czech Republic in 1822 and entered the **(6)** _____
at the age of 19. In the mid-1840s, he began to conduct a series of experiments
with pea plants and he continued this for 20 years. Over this period, by crossing
pea plants which had a clear **(7)** _____ in
(8) _____, colour, etc., and by carefully logging the results,
Mendel was able to **(9)** _____ the basic principles
of **(10)** _____.

FOUND
GENE
MONK

DIFFERENT
HIGH
FORMULA
HEREDITARY

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GRAMMAR**Task 1: Fill each of the numbered blanks in the passage with one suitable word.**

MY EXPERIENCE WITH LONG-DISTANCE RUNNING

EXAMPLE: (0) a

Last week over **(0)** _____ thousand people took **(1)** _____ in our local round-the-city 10-kilometre fun run. This kind of race doesn't normally appeal **(2)** _____ me; frankly, I'm not really cut **(3)** _____ for long-distance running. But I've got two friends who are dead keen runners and who keep going on about the beneficial effects of running. So, I decided to run, partly for **(4)** _____ reason and partly to raise money for charity. Friends and colleagues agreed to sponsor me and pay for **(5)** _____ kilometre I completed. Well, I **(6)** _____ done much training for the big event, and after two kilometres I was gasping for breath, so I settled **(7)** _____ to a slow jog and resigned **(8)** _____ to dragging along with the stragglers at the back of the race. At least I finished, and was very pleased with myself, as I didn't need to stop. The heat proved too much for a few people who **(9)** _____ gone off too fast for their capabilities and ended up suffering **(10)** _____ exhaustion. I was actually very impressed **(11)** _____ the whole event, the organization was first-class, with medical volunteers **(12)** _____ standby throughout.

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Task 2: Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given and use passive. An example is provided.

EXAMPLE:

Your hair needs cutting.

GETYou need to get your hair cut.**13.** Jill's parents are making her study hard.**MADE**

Jill _____ her parents.

14. Apparently the ship did not sustain any damage.**APPEARS**

The ship _____ damaged.

15. We have agreed to meet again in a fortnight.**WILL**

It has _____ meet again in a fortnight.

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LISTENING

You will hear a reporter talking about the situation on the island of Luzon in the Philippines. People living close to Lake Taal have had to be evacuated from the area as the Taal volcano is threatening to erupt.

Fill in the missing words in the sentences below which summarize the report. (The number of missing words is given in brackets).

1. Taal is classified as one of the _____ volcanoes. (2 words)
2. In 1965, villages were destroyed by enormous waves and _____
_____. (2 words)
3. The disaster of 1965 resulted in _____ the volcano for early
symptoms. (1word)
4. Since the disaster of 1965, the government has supported the _____
_____ of the area. (2 words)
5. In case of an eruption, two power stations would have to be _____
_____. (2 words)
6. Scientists are concerned because thousands of fish in the lake were killed by
_____. (3 words)
7. Because of the recent development, the _____ reacted immediately. (1word)
8. One of the most important decisions was to _____ the area
close to the lake. (1 word)
9. The provision of makeshift tents was the _____ most essential task. (1 word)
10. Supplies of food and water in temporary homes were _____. (1 word)

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